

# RED Committee Minutes

7/13/16

Meeting called to order 6:05PM

Present: Beth Pelton, Gloria Leustek, Robert Leustek (Chair), Ben Kilanski, Kathy Morehouse, Jason Koerber

Absent: Robert Spruill, Jim Tetreault, Denis V. Murphy

We did not have the minutes from 6/22 to approve yet.

**Farmers Market:** Beth said that the BOS approved to send checks to the Monadnock Shopper and for Radio advertising. She said she would check to see if they were received.

Gloria said any opportunity for a grant this year has passed, but she did draft a budget for next year. It was suggested that we focus on advertising, and things to get customers attention like banners and whips. Kathy said that she has been hearing mostly good things. Many vendors are selling out, the number of customers is picking up.

Robert L said that Sue Durling would be willing to help make a nice artistic sign for the corners of Rt. 10 & Rt. 119. Kathy suggested that maybe the Kiwanis can update their sign. We will need to decide where it's going and we need to look into the cost to have a sign professionally made. We can make a temporary sandwich board sign and move it around to decide the best location. Robert L. asked if we have a line item on the budget for the RED Committee. Someone will have to look into this.

Gloria said that there has been further movement on the EBT application at this time.

Robert reported that we had met with the Kiwanis regarding funds. Since the Kiwanis' focus is children they agreed to donate \$100 towards a musical act that kids can enjoy. Barry Montgomery of the Kiwanis is supposed to be looking into a face painter for one evening of music or at the farmers market.

Since Jim was not present we don't have our current bank balance.

**Mr. Mikes:** We are still waiting for Dan Berry to pick a date to meet with the RED Committee.

**Pole Banners:** Tabled

**Music in the Park:** Jason designed a poster but it is still being revised. Jason asked what we do if it rains and can we get chairs for the town band? Robert will ask the BOS tonight. Anyone setting up should arrive at 5:30PM. We have commitments from 10 sponsors for funding of 6 acts. There was discussion to increase next year's donation to \$300-\$400 based in what Keene and Fitzwilliam pays. We would also list all the sponsors instead of having one sponsor per event. Jason requested disbursement for payment for the 1<sup>st</sup> two acts. We also discussed increasing the donation to the performers for the 2016 season from \$75 to \$100 and additional funds would go to next year's performers. A motion was made by Kathy to increase the band funding from \$75 to \$100. Seconded by Robert L. Motion passed 6-0.

We will also continue to solicit additional funding sources for supplies and/or for next year. We can also have some vendors and do fundraising at the events. The RED Committee will have water to sell and to provide to the performers. We can ask local non-profits to come and join us and bring their people to the events. We can sell spots to vendors also to raise money for the

performers (examples, a book mobile or an ice cream truck). We would charge \$10 day and \$50 for the season to vendors.

**Mission Statement:** Kathy to get us a copy of the mission statement.

**Fall Clean-up Day:** Tabled

**Parking issues:**

Parking on Lower Main St.: Kathy said that a few years ago the BOS approved for the parking area on South Main St past the Mini-Mart was to be filled in, paved and striped with parallel parking. To her knowledge the BOS was waiting on a list of materials. Robert L. will ask the BOS about the "ditch" parking and if it can be finally taken care of.

Also there was discussion about permit parking for the tenants in the apartments across from Mr. Mikes to free up parking for businesses. Previous parking procedures have never been enforced. Tenants can use the lot next to the church and it needs to be lined with spaces. There should also be a "Free Public Parking" sign for the lot behind town hall.

**Sidewalks:**

Finally there was discussion about sweeping and keeping sidewalks clean and adding an additional sidewalk from the United Church down to the VFW. It needs to be a priority as it is a safety issue.

**New/Other Business:** tabled until next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM with a motion from Gloria and a second by Jason.  
Approved 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Leustek

Minutes Approved on 7/27/16

Signed  (Robert Leustek – Chair)